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REVENUE FROM HYDERABAD TELECOM CIRCLE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue accrued to BSNL from Hyderabad Telecom in 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(b) whether BSNL has asked Hyderabad Telecom to submit a plan with regard to enhancing of revenue in the current fiscal year;

(c) if so, whether the plan submitted by the Hyderabad Telecom has been studied by BSNL;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that BSNL has not been able to offer effective competition to the private companies in the area; and

(f) if so, the steps taken to compete with private telecom companies in Hyderabad?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) The accrued revenues during 1.10.2000 to 31.3.2001 and 2001-2002 by Hyderabad Telecom are Rs.416.91 crores and Rs.860.10 crores (provisional) respectively.

(b) No, Sir. There is no specific instruction from BSNL(HQ) to this effect.

(c) & (d): Do not arise in view of (b) above.

(e) & (f): As can be seen from (a) above, BSNL has been able to improve its revenues during 2001-02 through effective service levels. Efforts are however on to improve this further. Steps taken to compete with private telecom companies in Hyderabad include the following:-

(i) BSNL is providing services like ITC cards and ISDN, for which marketing agents are engaged. In addition, the following services are provided through BSNL`s marketing wing:-

(a) Leased Circuits

(b) Internet

(c) Centrex

(d) Phone Plus

(e) WLL Phones

(ii) Discounts to commercially important customers and corporate customers are being offered.

(iii) Optical Fibre connectivity is being provided to customers. New facilities like MLLN are being put to use to improve services.

(iv) A drive has been initiated to collect the outstanding amounts from defaulters.